



US Army Corps
of Engineers
Seattle District

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Branch
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Seattle, Washington 98124-3755
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ATTN: Debbie Knaub, Project Manager

Public Notice Date: August 10, 2005
Expiration Date: September 10, 2005
Reference: 200500578
Name: Douglas County PUD

Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit in accordance with Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for certain work described below and shown on the enclosed drawings.

APPLICANT: Douglas County PUD
1151 Valley Mall Parkway
East Wenatchee, Washington 98802
ATTN: Gordon Brett
Telephone: (509) 884 - 7191

LOCATION: In the Columbia River at Brewster, Washington

WORK: Place 7.5 cubic yards of gravel and 7.5 cubic yards of cable concrete to widen an existing boat launch and install silt fence in river to control erosion. The existing boat launch is 20 feet wide by 66 feet long; the boat launch will be widened by 8 feet.

PURPOSE: To provide expanded public boat launching capacity.

MITIGATION: None proposed

ENDANGERED SPECIES: The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires federal agencies to consult with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and/or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to Section 7 of ESA on all actions that may affect a species listed (or proposed for listing) under the ESA as threatened or endangered or any designated critical habitat. The Columbia River bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), threatened; the Upper Columbia River (UCR) spring Chinook (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) endangered; the Upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), endangered; and the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), threatened, occur in the proposed project area. For Columbia River bull trout, critical habitat has been designated. For UCR Chinook and UCR Steelhead, critical habitat has been proposed.

A preliminary determination indicates that the activity may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat, designated under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). The proposed action would impact approximately 0.012 acres of EFH for Pacific Salmon in the project area.

If the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) determines that the proposed action may adversely affect EFH for federally managed fisheries in Washington waters, the Corps will initiate EFH consultation with the NMFS. The Corps' final determination relative to project impacts and the need for mitigation measures is subject to review by and coordination with the NMFS.

CULTURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has reviewed the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places, lists of properties determined eligible and other sources of information. Due to the project area's position in the landscape (i.e. adjacent to a river), there is the potential for unknown historic properties to occur in the project area. An historic properties investigation may be required during the permit review.

The District Engineer invites responses to this public notice from Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies; historical and archeological societies; and other parties likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area. This public notice initiates consultation under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (36 CFR 800.4[a] [3]), with any Tribe that has information or concerns with historic properties in the proposed permit area.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts, of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Native American Nations or tribal governments; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for the work. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the activity.

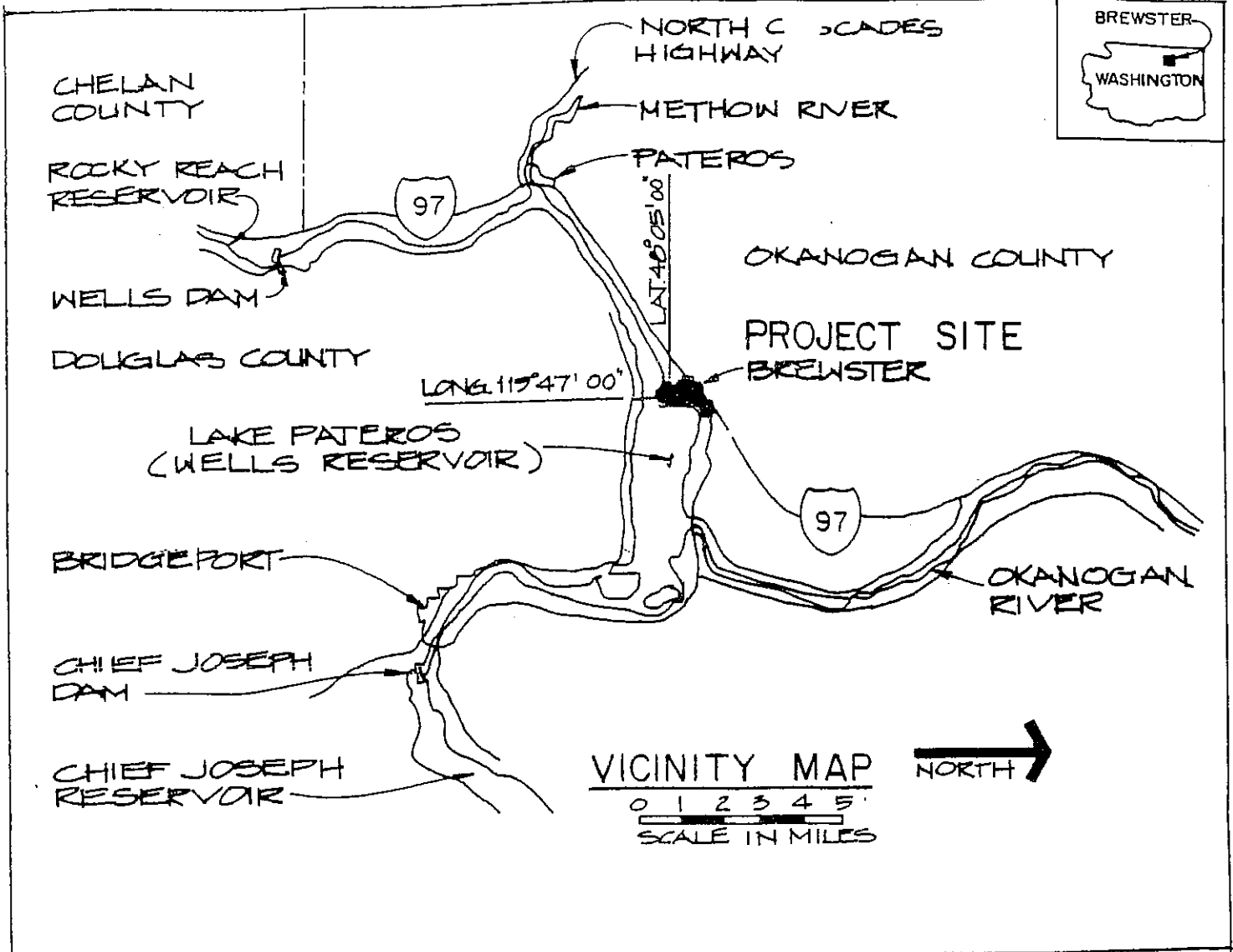
The proposed discharge will be evaluated for compliance with guidelines promulgated by the Environmental Protection Agency under authority of Section 404(b)(1) of the Clean Water Act. These guidelines require an alternatives analysis for any proposed discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States.

ADDITIONAL EVALUATION: The State of Washington is reviewing this for compliance with the applicable State and Federal water quality standards pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

COMMENT AND REVIEW PERIOD: Conventional mail or e-mail comments on this public notice will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the public interest to authorize this proposal. In order to be accepted, e-mail comments must originate from the author's e-mail account and must include on the subject line of the e-mail message the permit applicant's name and reference number as shown below. All e-mail comments should be sent to Deborah.J.Knaub@usace.army.mil. Conventional mail comments should be sent U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Post Office Box 3755, Seattle, Washington, 98124-3755. Both conventional mail or e-mail comments must include the permit applicant's name and reference number, as shown below, and the commentor's name, address, and phone number. All comments whether conventional mail or e-mail must reach this office, no later than the expiration date of this public notice to ensure consideration. Please include the following name and reference number:

Douglas County PUD, 200500578

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Drawings (3)



PURPOSE:

PROPOSED LAUNCH ADDITION
AT COLUMBIA COVE

QUANTITIES:

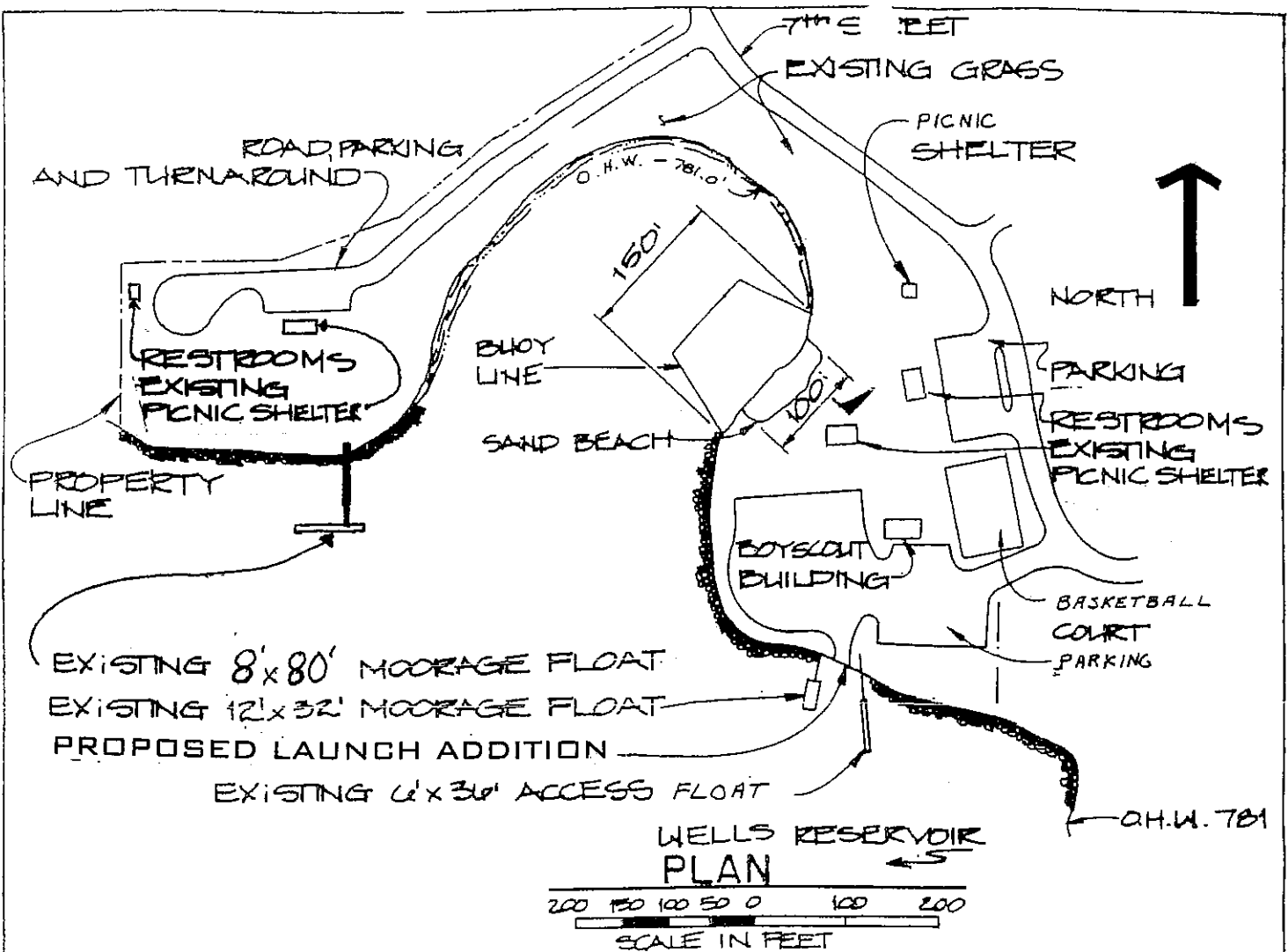
APPROXIMATE QUANTITIES WATERWARD OF
ORDINARY HIGH WATER (O.H.W.) T&B:

CONCRETE LAUNCH RAMP: 15 C.Y.

PURPOSE: INCREASE
LAUNCH RAMP CAPACITY
DATUM:
N.G.V.D. (1929)
ADJACENT PROPERTY
OWNERS:
1. DOUGLAS COUNTY
PUD
2. CITY OF BREWSTER

APPLICANT: DOUGLAS COUNTY
PUD
REFERENCE: **200500578**
LOCATION ADDRESS:
COLUMBIA COVE PARK
INTERSECTION OF 7TH AND
BRUCE IN BREWSTER, WA
98812

PROPOSED: LAUNCH ADDITION
IN: COLUMBIA RIVER
COUNTY: OKANOGAN
STATE: WA
SHEET: 1 OF 3
DATE: 04/18/05



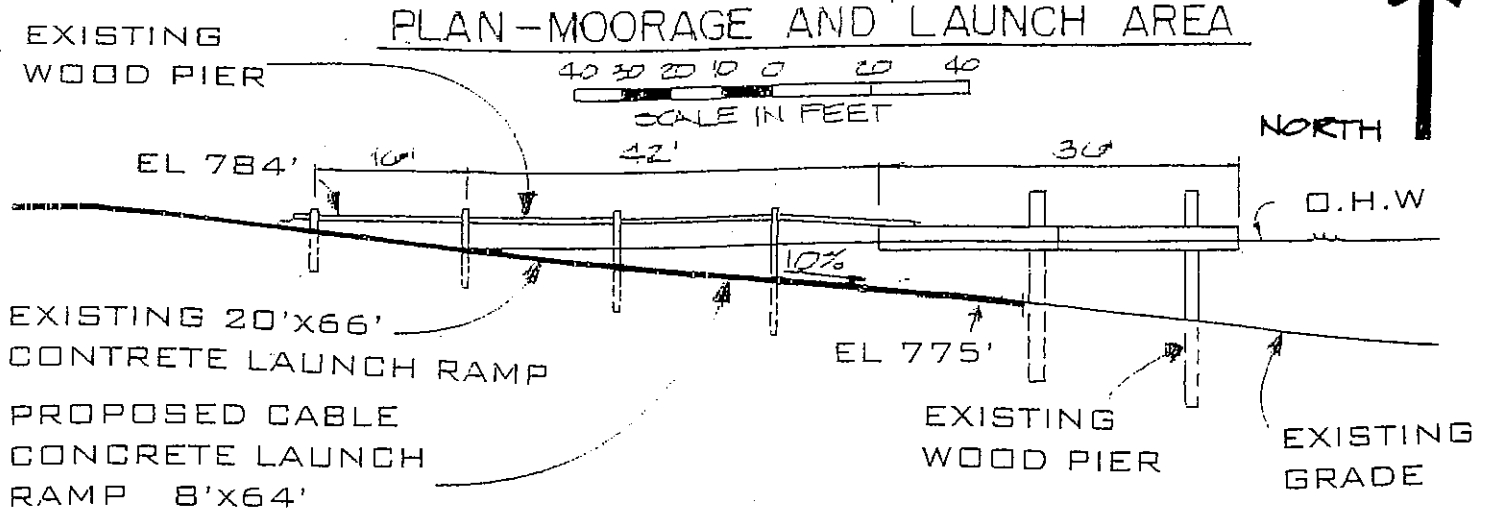
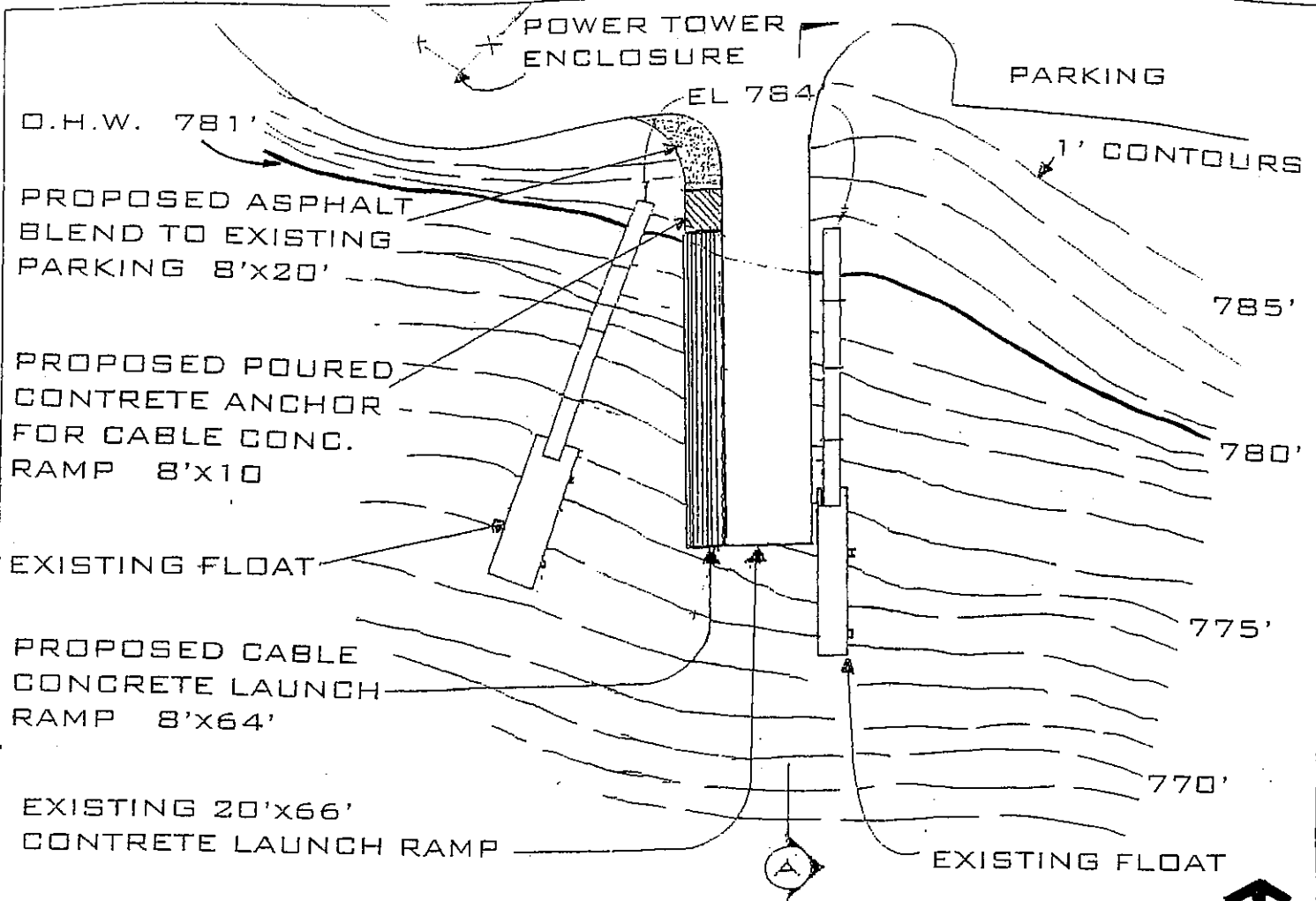
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APPLICANT: DOUGLAS COUNTY PUD
 PROPOSED: LAUNCH ADDITION IN
 COLUMBIA RIVER

AT: COLUMBIA COVE PARK
 BREWSTER, WA

SHEET 2 OF 3

4/18/05



SCALE IN FEET

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NOTE SECTION LOOKING AT MOORAGE PIER & FLOAT IS SIMILAR TO SECTION 'A'

QUANTITY BELOW O.H.W. APPROXIMATELY 15 C.Y. CONCRETE

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 AT: COLUMBIA COVE PARK
 BREWSTER, WA
 SHEET 3 OF 3 4/18/05



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STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

Notice of Application for
Water Quality Certification

Date: August 10, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a request has been filed with the Department of Ecology, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401 of the federal Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), to certify that the project described in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. 200500578 will comply with the Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Act, and with applicable provisions of State and Federal water pollution control laws.

Any person desiring to present views on the project pertaining to compliance with water pollution control laws may do so by providing written comments within 30 days of the above publication date to:

Federal Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
SEA Program
Post Office Box 47600
Olympia, Washington 98504-7600